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Honorable Carl T. Durham
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Durham:

I am deeply appreciative of your recent letter. Certainly the decision of the President-elect to continue me as Director of Central Intelligence is personally gratifying as well as important in tending to establish a precedent in this regard. As you know, I firmly believe that intelligence functions and this Agency in particular cannot and should not be a factor in political considerations.

Your retirement from the Congress is a loss both to the Agency and to me personally. You have been a strong supporter of the Central Intelligence Agency concept from its inception and in fact prior to the establishment of the Agency. The guidance and support which you have afforded from your positions on the Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy have been a great help to me and have been important contributing factors in the success of the Agency.

Sincerely

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1960

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I certainly was glad to see the President-elect make the decision to continue you on as head of the Central Intelligence Agency. As you know, I have worked very closely with your agency since the early days of World War II, and I know of no individual who has done more to create and continue in being an Intelligence that is current and up to date than have you.

I just wanted you to know the satisfaction I felt in learning that you will still be at the helm of this important agency.

With kindest and best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carl T. Durham

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1960

Senator John F. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I want to congratulate you on continuing
Mr. Allen Dulles as head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Back in the early days of World War II
we had very little worth-while intelligence operations, as you are
probably aware, and we stumbled quite a few times in trying to set
up an agency with proper personnel and someone to head it.

Since I have served on the House Armed
Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy,
I have come to know Allen Dulles well, and in my opinion he is by
far the best qualified person who has headed any agency of the
Intelligence Service since the beginning of World War II.

With kindest and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

CTD/mwg

Carl T. Durham

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a proposed letter for your signature to Representative Carl Durham who notes in a letter to you of 9 December that he was glad to see the President-elect make the decision to continue you as Director of Central Intelligence. He also mentions his early interest in intelligence.

Recommend sign

JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel
15 December 1960
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